



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A broadcast reception device comprising:
 - reception means for receiving a broadcast signal; and
 - time information acquisition means for performing an operation searching for and acquiring time information for counting a current time, said time information acquisition means including:
 - signal extraction means for extracting from the broadcast signal ~~received by said reception means~~ a designated broadcast signal corresponding to a designated channel; and
 - search means for searching for said time information from the designated broadcast signal extracted by said signal extraction means,
 - wherein when[[ever]] a desired channel is ~~designated~~ newly selected, said time information acquisition means cancels the acquisition operation currently performed and performs [[the]] a new acquisition operation with respect to said desired channel that is newly selected ~~currently designated~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The broadcast reception device of claim 1, further comprising:
 - ~~processing means started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information, wherein said~~ processing means for designating ~~designates~~ a channel unsearched by said search means for said time information and causing ~~causes~~ said time information acquisition means to perform the acquisition operation,
 - wherein said processing means is started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information.

3. (Original) The broadcast reception device of claim 1, further comprising channel designation means for designating said desired channel via an external operation.

4. (Original) The broadcast reception device of claim 3, wherein said channel designation means includes means for selecting and designating said desired channel from a channel group allowing a corresponding broadcast signal to be received by said reception means.
5. (Currently Amended) The broadcast reception device of claim 4, further comprising:
~~processing means started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information, wherein said processing means for designating designates a channel unsearched by said search means for said time information and causing causes said time information acquisition means to perform the acquisition operation,~~
wherein said processing means is started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information.
6. (Original) The broadcast reception device of claim 4, wherein said channel designation means further includes channel list display means displaying said channel group in a list.
7. (Currently Amended) The broadcast reception device of claim 6, further comprising:
~~processing means started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information, wherein said processing means for designating designates a channel unsearched by said search means for said time information and causing causes said time information acquisition means to perform the acquisition operation,~~
wherein said processing means is started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information.

8. (Original) The broadcast reception device of claim 3, wherein said channel designation means includes means for selecting and designating said desired channel from a channel group with a corresponding broadcast signal transmitted thereon.
9. (Currently Amended) The broadcast reception device of claim 8, further comprising:
~~processing means started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information, wherein said processing means~~ for designating designates a channel unsearched by said search means for said time information and causing ~~causes~~ said time information acquisition means to perform the acquisition operation,
wherein said processing means is started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information.
10. (Original) The broadcast reception device of claim 8, wherein said channel designation means further includes channel list display means displaying said channel group in a list.
11. (Currently Amended) The broadcast reception device of claim 10, further comprising:
~~processing means started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information, wherein said processing means~~ for designating designates a channel unsearched by said search means for said time information and causing ~~causes~~ said time information acquisition means to perform the acquisition operation,
wherein said processing means is started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information.
12. (Original) The broadcast reception device of claim 3, wherein said channel designation means includes means for directly designating said desired channel.

13. (Currently Amended) The broadcast reception device of claim 12, further comprising:

~~processing means started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information, wherein said processing means~~ for designating ~~designates a channel unsearched by said search means for said time information and causing~~ ~~causes said time information acquisition means to perform the acquisition operation.~~

wherein said processing means is started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information.

14. (Currently Amended) The broadcast reception device of claim 3, further comprising:

~~processing means started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information, wherein said processing means~~ for designating ~~designates a channel unsearched by said search means for said time information and causing~~ ~~causes said time information acquisition means to perform the acquisition operation.~~

wherein said processing means is started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information.

15. (Currently Amended) A broadcast reception method comprising the steps of:
- receiving a broadcast signal; and
 - ~~acquiring time information, performing an operation~~ searching for and acquiring time information for counting a current time,
- the step of acquiring time information including the steps of:
- extracting a designated broadcast signal corresponding to a designated channel from ~~[[a]]~~ the broadcast signal received at the step of receiving; and
 - searching for said time information from ~~[[a]]~~ the designated broadcast signal extracted at the step of extracting,
- wherein when~~[[ever]]~~ a desired channel is ~~designated~~ newly selected, the step of acquiring time information ~~cancels the acquisition operation~~ currently performed is cancelled and ~~performs the a new~~ acquisition operation is performed with respect to said desired channel that is newly selected ~~currently designated~~.
16. (New) The broadcast reception device of claim 1, wherein the broadcast signal comprises one of a group consisting of extended data services information and Rating Region Table information.
17. (New) The broadcast reception device of claim 1, further comprising a channel table, wherein the channel table comprises:
- first data indicating a channel number corresponding to the broadcast signal;
 - second data indicating whether the channel number has been registered with a channel map; and
 - a data flag indicating a status of the time information of the broadcast signal.